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The States parties agree that the nuclear-weapon States should unequivocally reaffirm their commitment to the elimination of nuclear weapons and agree to start work immediately on the practical steps and negotiations required for its achievement.

The States parties stress the importance of de-alerting and de-activating nuclear weapons. These measures would help prevent inadvertent, accidental or unauthorized launches and create beneficial conditions for continued disarmament efforts.

The States parties reaffirm the importance that all States exercise utmost restraint regarding any activity that could undermine the fundamental objectives of CTBT.

The States parties agree that legally binding security assurances within the NPT framework would strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime. Pending the achievement of an international legally binding agreement on negative security assurances, it is imperative that the nuclear-weapon States scrupulously observe their unilateral commitments in this field.